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SUBJECT: REOPENING OF THE DAVIES CASE

REF: (A) STONE-EWING TELCON JULY 19, (B) NICOSIA 1799

1. CONSISTENT WITH OUR GENERAL POLICY, THE DEPARTMENT HAS IN THE PAST TAKEN STRONG EXCEPTION TO THE REDUCTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE SENTENCES OF THOSE CONVICTED FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES. FOR INSTANCE, IN REACTION TO THE MARCH 17 SUPREME COURT DECISION WE VOLUNTEERED A STATEMENT AT THE DEPARTMENT NOON BRIEFING EXPRESSING OUR "GREAT DISMAY" (STATE 72956). IN THIS LIGHT, WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD NOT CONCUR IN ANY FURTHER REDUCTION OF THEIR SENTENCES, NO MATTER HOW SMALL. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT SHOULD THERE BE ANY POSSI-
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BILITY THAT SUCH CONCURRENCE WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

2. WE OF COURSE WELCOME VERY MUCH THE GOC'S DECISION TO REOPEN THE INVESTIGATION. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE NATURE OF THE NEW INFORMATION THE GOC HAS OBTAINED, AND, MORE GENERALLY, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY PROGRESS IN THE INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS ANYTHING WE

COULD DO TO ASSIST. CHRISTOPHER

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